

Rejoice always,  
give thanks in all circumstances,  
pray continuously;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

## North Goshen Mennonite Church

January 7, 2018

*God of brilliant lights*

Welcome & Call to Worship

Merv Helmuth

*Holy child within the manger*

Sing the Story 28

*Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem*

Sing the Story 32

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts

Children Bring MCC & Birthday Offerings

*Glory, let there be peace*

Children ages 4 through grade 2 are dismissed to Children's Church

Sharing & Congregational Prayer

*Where have you witnessed God's work during the week?*

*Where is God's presence needed?*

Matthew 2:1-12

Belen Robledo & Harlan Stoltzfus

"We are fearful (but Christ is our everlasting light) (Isaiah 60:1-3)" Enid Schloneger

*The Lord is my light*

Sing the Journey 97

*Beyond a dying sun*

Hymnal: A Worship Book 323

### Our Prayers

**Those unable to attend services:** Bill Yoder, Thelma Harley, Judy Yoder, Elroy & Alberta Troyer  
**Pastor Mario, Carmen and family** with the San Lucas Church, our sister church in San Martin, Mexico.

**Those recovering:** Jake Stoltzfus, Ruby Snyder

**Congregational members** who have lost spouses and family members.

### **Nurture**

**Sunday school classes for all ages** are held from 9-10am

**Children's Church:** *To help assure the safety of the children, we ask that a responsible person meet your children at the Children's Church door as soon as they are dismissed.*

**Today:** Bonnie Cripe, Elaine Hooley, Nicole Blacut, Aaron Yeakey

**Childcare** is available in the basement nursery for children ages 3 years and younger.

**Today:** Terri Yeater, Michele & Devin Stoltzfus

### **COMING EVENTS**

January 17	6pm Community Meal
January 18	MCC Meat Canning Day
January 18	North Goshen hosts MEDA event
January 20	8:30am Men's Breakfast

The Peace Lamp is lit each week as a reminder to pray for peace in our community and world.

### **Announcements**

●**Today** Birthday offerings are being combined with the first-Sunday-of-the-month MCC offering. You may bring your birthday offering up to the jar or give it to a child to put it in for you.

●**Coordinating Council** will meet Tuesday at 6:30pm.

●**Mennonite Women Service Day** is the second Thursday each month. Meet on Thursday, January 11.

●**Plan to stay for lunch next Sunday!** The Jr. Youth will provide a baked potato bar as a fundraiser for the trip to winter camp. Come and support the youth while enjoying lunch and fun fellowship.

●**Wedding Shower** plans for Joel & Erica (Miller) Unzicker, who were married on December 16th: A basket will be placed on the library table next Sunday, so that you can shower the happy couple with cards, gifts and well-wishes. The basket will be there for two weeks, January 14 & 21.

●Mennonite Central Committee meat canning in Goshen will be in Goshen January 8-12 & 15-18, 2018. The date that North Goshen is assigned to is **January 18** (but you are welcome to volunteer any day). The 18th is the last day of canning and after lunch we will need to help with the final clean. They would like to have 10-12 volunteers scheduled for that time so that they know it is covered.

**Please let Cheryl know** if you can set aside the afternoon of January 18th to help!

Thank you so much for the love offering and the many other ways that you have generously shared your love with our family over the past month. Your prayers and support mean more than words can express, and we give thanks to God for each of you. We feel humbled, grateful, and very well loved!

Mark and Sarah Schloneger

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oren sin cesar,  
den gracias a Dios en toda situación,  
porque esta es su voluntad para ustedes en Cristo Jesús.  
(1 Tesalonicenses 5:16-18)

**Prayer Requests/Notes**

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